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FLORIDA MAN CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT OF CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, December 12, 2007, that after deliberating 2 and ½ hours, a jury of one man and 11 women found Felix Buret guilty of one count of conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack.

Buret, age 37, of Florida, was tried before Senior United States District Court Judge James K. Singleton in Anchorage.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Stephan A. Collins, who prosecuted the case, the evidence presented at trial established that between May and July of 2006, Buret and Robert Brown distributed 80 grams of crack and had agreed to distribute close one kilogram of crack.

Judge Singleton scheduled sentencing for February 27, 2008. The law provides for a total sentence of a minimum of ten years and a maximum term of life imprisonment, a fine of \$4,000,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based on the seriousness of the offense and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court continued Buret's detention in prison.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Buret.

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